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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS STUDY ASSIGNED

Under its power to assign to an appropriate subcommittee questions of statewide importance that arise when the Legislature is not in session, the Legislative Council appointed a committee to consider various issues arising as a result of the recently announced closure of the Anaconda Company works in Anaconda and Great Falls.

Members of the Select Subcommittee on Economic Problems are:

Senators

Steve Brown
Harold Dover
Pat Goodover
Carroll Graham

Representatives

Gene Donaldson
Dan Kermis
Chris Stobie
Joe Guilici

The first meeting of the committee has been scheduled for Thursday, November 20, at 2:00 p.m., Room 139, State Capitol.

LEGISLATIVE INTERNS

At its November 7 meeting the Legislative Council heard a presentation by Professor Robert Eagle, University of Montana Legislative Intern advisor. Applications from students to serve as a Legislative Intern are due in the Council office by November 24. Interns will be chosen and assigned to Legislative sponsors at the Council meeting on December 1.

STATE AGENCY STATUS ACCESS

The Council approved other state agencies having access to the computerized version of the daily bill status during the Legislative Session via each agency's CRT terminal. Agencies wishing to tie into the system should contact the Legislative Council for permission and procedural requirements.

The Legislative Council has recommended that the computerized version of the Bill Status be

expanded to include: sponsor, short title, fiscal note information, introduction date, committee referred to and hearing and executive session dates, committee actions; 2nd and 3rd reading votes, and date of action by Governor.

MONTANA CODE
PRINTING BID
AWARDED

The contract for printing the 1981 Montana Codes has been awarded to the W.G. Brown Company Publishers of Dubuque, Iowa. That company bid \$123,450 compared to a high bid of \$204,600 from an in-state printer. The closest bid by an in-state printer was \$158,000.

CODE
ANNOTATIONS
MAILED

The 5-volume sets of Annotations to the Montana Code were mailed from Bozeman on October 30. The mailing contains completed annotations to 20 out of 50 Titles. Annotations to an additional 17 Titles are expected to be mailed within the next 3 or 4 months.

LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENT

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RECOMMENDATIONS
MADE

The Legislative Improvement Committee held its final meeting November 8. The Committee reviewed the recommendations made to date (reported in November 1979, March 1980, and October 1980 INTERIMS). In addition the Committee adopted the following recommendations:

(1) That in the future the following legislative votes be spread upon the Journal: votes on adoption of adverse committee reports, second reading votes, and votes on floor amendments.

(2) That Third Reading be eliminated; that if a bill is amended in committee of the whole, when all proposed amendments to the bill have been acted upon, the bill will be automatically passed for the day, sent to printing to have the amendments incorporated, and the second reading vote taken the next day.

CAUCUS

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21 NOVEMBER

A pre-caucus orientation for all legislators will begin at 9:00 a.m., Colonial Inn, Helena (Legislative--Judicial room) on Friday, November 21, 1980. Senate majority leader Stan Stephens and House majority leader Ann Mary Dussault will present the recommendations of the Legislative Improvement Committee to the legislators at that time.

Following the orientation, the Senate Republicans

will caucus in the Capitol Club Room -- the House Republicans in the Colonial Room. The Senate Democrats will caucus in the Clark Room and the House Democrats in the Lewis Room. Lunch will be served to each separate caucus.

ORIENTATION
22 NOVEMBER

At 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 22, in the Legislative--Judicial Room there will be an orientation for all legislators. Presentations will be made by legislative agency heads concerning services available to legislators, including bill drafting. Information will be provided concerning legislator salary and benefits and other items of general interest to legislators.

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

MEETING
20 NOVEMBER

The next meeting of the Interim Study Committee on Public Retirement Systems is Thursday, November 20, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the State Capitol.

During this working session, the Committee will discuss draft legislation providing an automatic cost-of-living increase for members of the Public Employees', Teachers', Game Wardens', Sheriffs', and Police Retirement Systems and for members of the Municipal Police Retirement System who have retired after July 1, 1975. The increase is based on a percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index applied to a portion of active employees' salary. The legislation also includes a provision deferring the benefit increase until three years after retirement, a minimum benefit based on social security coverage, and provisions for funding the increase such as employer and employee contributions and supplemental sources.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE COMMITTEE

NUMEROUS
MATTERS
CONSIDERED
OCTOBER 16

The Administrative Code Committee met on October 16, 1980. The Committee heard testimony from representatives of the Montana Taxpayers' Association who testified to the desirability of the adoption of a rule by the Superintendent of Public Instruction which would specify the manner in which calculations are made determining the necessity for a deficiency levy. The Committee reviewed recent action taken by the Montana Environmental Quality Council regarding its investigation of the Board of Health; adoption of new ambient air quality standards and voted to intervene in any legal action challenging those standards. The Committee reviewed administrative rules published in Issues 16, 17 and 18 of the

1980 Montana Administrative Register and objected to certain rules adopted by the Board of Athletics purporting to regulate barroom brawls. Testimony was also presented by the Legislative Auditor regarding periodic review of agency forms.

MONTANA SALARY COMMISSION

Annual salary of \$75,000 for the governor was recommended by the Montana Salary Commission on November 3.

Other salaries recommended to the 47th Legislature were: Lieutenant governor, \$50,000; secretary of state, \$36,000; attorney general, \$55,000; superintendent of public instruction, \$38,000; state auditor, \$36,000; public service commission, member, \$42,000, chairman, \$44,900; chief justice, \$62,500; associate justice, \$60,000; clerk of supreme court, \$29,000; district judge, \$50,000; commissioner of campaign finances and practices, \$25,000; state tax appeal board, member, \$26,000, chairman, \$28,500; legislators, \$100 per day salary for maximum of 90 days per biennium plus \$50 per day expenses for each day on legislative business.

Commission members participating were Chairman Milton Datsopoulos, Missoula; Yvonne Bradford, Missoula; John Hoyt, Great Falls; Arnold Kieder, Helena; Jean LeBar, Billings; Maury Evans, Billings; and Deborah Hanson, Miles City. Unable to participate was commission member Robert Oye, Bozeman, who was recuperating from surgery.

A committee composed of chairman Datsopoulos, Mrs. LeBar, and Mr. Hoyt met Monday, November 10, to complete the commission's formal report and recommendations.

INTERIM REPORTS

GRAIN TRANSPORTATION STUDY AVAILABLE

The final study of the feasibility of transporting grain by pipeline that was done by the Department of Agricultural Economics at Montana State University under House Joint Resolution Number 61 of the last session has been sent to the Legislative Council. If you would like to receive a copy of this report, please contact the Council, and a copy will be made available to you. Please indicate whether you want a permanent copy or just a loan copy. Copies will be printed on a per request basis.

OTHER REPORTS

Interim study reports are now being prepared and printed. An order form will be available at

caucus. After caucus you may obtain an order form on request from the Legislative Council. Reports can be picked up at the Council office or will be sent to you at your request.

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

MEETING
OCTOBER 27

The Legislative Audit Committee met October 27, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the State Capitol.

The committee reviewed the financial/compliance audit reports on the Butte Vocational-Technical Center, Department of Revenue - Selected Taxes, Treasury Division*, Center for the Aged*, Swan River Youth Forest Camp*, Eastmont Human Services Center*, and 18 CETA audits*. (*Contract audits)

The next meeting of the Legislative Audit Committee will be November 19 and 20, 1980.

Copies of all reports are available from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, Room 135, State Capitol, telephone 449-3122.

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR
NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 SALARY COMMISSION ROOM 139	4	5 RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATORS RM. 139 9:00 am	6	7 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RM 139	8 LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENT COAL TAX
						WATER
9	10	11	12	13 FINANCE COMMITTEE RM 104	14 FINANCE COMMITTEE RM 104	15 REVENUE OVERSIGHT RM 139 9:30 am
						FINANCE COMMITTEE RM 104
16	17	18	19	20 RETIREMENT COMMITTEE RM 104 9:00am SELECT COMM. ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS RM 139 2:00pm	21 CAUCUS COLONIAL INN 9:00 am	22 CAUCUS COLONIAL INN 9:00 a.m.
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